

County Administrative Office Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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The Honorable Marc Berman California State Assembly State Capitol Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 1804 – As Introduced on January 10, 2018 – SUPPORT

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to sponsor AB 1804, legislation that would expand the categorical exemption for infill housing projects to include proposed development occurring within the unincorporated areas of a county.

The current exemption applies only to cities and towns but not specifically to counties. This limits potential infill developments due to the stringent nature of the environmental requirements. Expanding the exemption to counties would provide them with another tool to encourage and efficiently process infill development in unincorporated areas.

Further, this would allow unincorporated areas to do their part in complying with the requirements of SB 375 by promoting compact development in urbanized county areas, with the additional economic benefits of streamlining projects and creating jobs, while benefitting the environment.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1804. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation